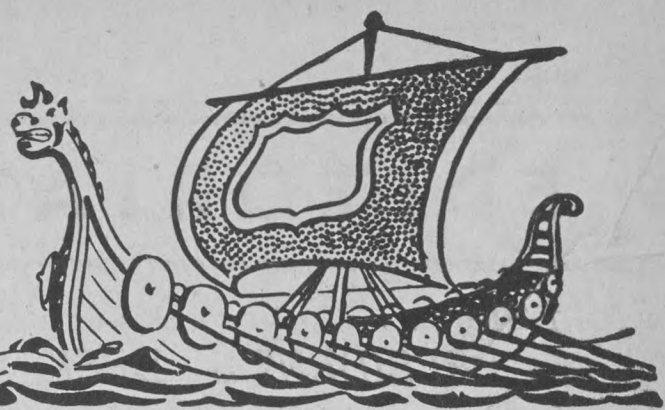




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WHERE TO, SIR?

WHY NOT FINLAND?

This year, the year that Finland celebrates the 50th Anniversary of its independence, the beauty of this exotic country is being opened to the eyes of tourists from all over the world as never before. The many visitors will have easy and comfortable, not to say luxurious access to the many modern cities, towns and villages with their daring architecture in which Finland excels. The eternally majestic movements of a Sibelius symphony will forever after make them aware of the creative powers of this country. So will its design, arts and crafts and highly sophisticated cuisine as practised both in Helsinki, the "Pearl of the Baltic", and in restaurants so far north that the Arctic Circle cuts right through your dining room table. Now is the time for the American tourist to experience the sky-blue beauty of the 60,000 lakes of Finland, to see historical landmarks, from castles to cathedrals, as well as the 20th century town-planning developments.

It is easy to reach Finland, easier this year than ever before. By air the American traveler can fly directly to Helsinki from various cities in the U.S.A., or by connecting Finnair jets from such continental gateways as London, Paris, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Frankfurt and Brussels, as well as Oslo, Stockholm and Copenhagen.

Excellent service by ship is also maintained to Scandinavia by the Swedish American Line and the Norwegian American Line. Add to this the luxurious car ferries which run from Stockholm and Norrtälje to the ancient academic city of Turku, or from Lubeck/Travemünde (West Germany) and Copenhagen to Helsinki. In May this year one of the largest car ferries in the world, "FINLANDIA", will enter service between Helsinki - Copenhagen - Travemünde. On board even the most demanding tourist cannot help but be overwhelmed by all the deluxe facilities which are included in the low price for a swift crossing. There are several swimming pools, elegant lounges and restaurants, movies, sauna baths, as well as dancing, shopping for exclusive Finnish arts and crafts objects and the restful overnight accommodations.

Apart from tours of modern and ancient Helsinki, a generous amount of other opportunities to enjoy this gleaming white city are available to the visitor. "Helsinki and Surroundings", Helsinki by Night", "Grand Tour of Helsinki and Suburbs" are but a few of the many tempting trips that you may engage in for a short happy spell or for a few hours of unforgettable discovery of a totally new world.

Finnair provides not only the most widely-spread domestic airline service in Europe, but it also offers no less than 7 so-called City Packages. Finnish Lapland on the North

Cape is another venture that anyone can engage in who has 7 days to spare. You start your tour with a Finnair jet from Helsinki early in the morning. Before this fascinating tour comes to its end, participants will not only have crossed the Arctic Circle, but they will also have paid a visit to neighboring northernmost Norway.

The trouble with Finland today is that it generously gives any visitor from any part of the world such an unlimited possibility to choose between this tour and that — all of them conscientiously planned, to give any customer the most for his money. Take for instance the "Silver Line Tour", operated by Finland Travel Bureau every Friday and Sunday, from June 2nd to September 1st, at \$89 per person. It combines bus and watercoach travel, the latter highlighting a cruise on the Silver Line route. The incredibly rewarding tour gives its participants not only an idea of the beauty of the Finnish landscape, but takes them to the Aulanko resort hotel, as well as to the cities of Tampere and Turku.

The tour that should attract most American visitors to Finland is the "Lakeland Tour" which provides 4 days of visits to small towns, modern communities, picturesque lakes and quiet, undisturbed rural areas in the Eastern Lake District.

Among the wealth of tours of Finland by practically all means of transportation, one stands out as particularly worthy of the foreign visitor's consideration, the Fenal Tour from Helsinki to Turku by motorcoach. Turku is the former capital of Finland. The tour includes a visit to the Turku Castle and the summer residence of the President of Finland. The price of this one day Sunday tour, including luncheon, is \$8.75. Fenal Touring Ltd. offers no less than 14 other excursions by comfortable means of travel.

For the very young there are "Go Go Tours", specially planned to provide a lot of excitement. Finland Travel Bureau has also trips to Leningrad, made by deluxe motorcoach with a choice of tourist or first class accommodations.

What has been mentioned here covers naturally only a select few of the many attractive possibilities a visitor has of seeing the most of Finland.

It is well worth mentioning, however, that few countries in Europe today are doing as much as Finland to improve its hotel market. Anyone who simply wants to rest peacefully, surrounded by modern accommodations and the ultimate in attentive service can do so. Those who have an urge to go hunting and fishing can do so. Shoppers for the ultimate in modern design will find the finest objects in almost any shop just around the corner.

To Bridge Gap Between Young And Old

Norway's 4-H clubs plan to build a bridge between the generations. Exhibits at club meetings throughout the country April 19 will show local life some 60 years ago when the first 4-H type clubs for country youth were started in the U.S.A. Norway's first 4-H club was founded 40 years ago. Ten years later the movement established its national organization. There are now 500 clubs, with some 10,000 members in all parts of Norway.

According to 4-H national director Wilhelm Elsrud, teenagers know too little about the conditions when their grandparents were young. The purpose of the 4-H exhibits will be to give teenagers some idea of life in their community six decades ago. They will see and learn how their grandparents dressed, what kind of tools and equipment they had, and how the education was in those days.

ICELAND . . . SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

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Greenland is the largest island in the world, but as a tourist mecca it's so far out that it's positively "in", and its raw unspoiled beauty is guaranteed to open the eye of even the most sophisticated traveler.

The easiest way to reach Greenland is by air from neighboring Iceland, "land of fire and ice," where Icelandic Airlines flights touch down briefly before continuing on to Luxembourg and seven other key destinations in Europe, including Scandinavia and Great Britain.

Icelandic passengers enjoy a stopover option in Iceland at no extra charge in fare to visit the island's many scenic attractions, and this summer they will also be able to explore Greenland through co-operation of Icelandair, Iceland's domestic airline.

be offered. The first, a one-day

Two basic tours of Greenland will tour of Eastern Greenland costing \$75.00, will feature a flight across Denmark Strait to Kulusuk Island, home of the primitive Angmagssalik Eskimos.

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"Hotel Ships" For Oslo And Bergen? New Scheme Presented In Norway . . .

Two Norwegian architects, Paul Cappelen and T. Rodahl, have devised a scheme whereby the hotel shortage in Oslo and Bergen may be alleviated within a year. They may build special ships, which can be moored along a central pier, each ship with 256 beds and a breakfast room for 152 persons.

All cabins will be equipped with private bathroom and toilet, also telephone and individually controlled airconditioning. The standard will be very high throughout the ship.

These vessels can be built without engines, since tugboats will be used whenever ships are to be moved to another pier or to another city. The architects estimate that the building costs may amount to approximately 23,000 kroner per bed.

When this scheme was presented to the Mayor of Oslo last month — in the presence of prominent Norwegian travel representatives — it seemed to be the general impression that such hotel ships would be very useful in augmenting the strained hotel capacity of Oslo and Bergen, but everybody agreed that ships can never replace hotels. It will still be necessary to press the need for the construction of new and top-grade hotels in Oslo and Bergen.

Yale University's famous Vinland Map, insured for 5 million kroner, is on display at Oslo University Library until March 13. The opening was attended by King Olav, plus Yale University Library director James Tanis, Yale University Press director Chester Kerr, and British Museum cartographer R. A. Skelton.

Norway's Red Cross has ordered 20,000 cans of protein-rich mackerel paste from Stabburet, Fredrikstad, for shipment to South Vietnam where they will be distributed to refugees.

Scandinavia Abolishes Airport Taxes

Denmark, Norway and Sweden are making an early contribution to the current International Tourist Year by abolishing airport taxes hitherto levied on travellers.

Scandinavian Airlines reports that the taxes — amounting in each country to roughly \$3.00 — will be dropped as of April 1st.

The three governments will still collect the fees per passenger on which they rely to finance their airports, but S.A.S. and other carriers concerned will absorb the burden.

The United Nations has unanimously designated 1967 as International Tourist Year, not only in recognition of the economic, social and cultural importance of world travel, but also to facilitate "a most valuable and desirable human activity deserving the praise and encouragement of all peoples and all governments", because of its contribution to peace and understanding in today's world.

Parliament has voted 1 million kroner to help India ward off hunger. Foreign Minister Lyng and most speakers favored placing the money at the disposal of the India aid drive conducted by the Labor Movement's Solidarity Fund.

A visitor to a mental institution noticed that among a gang of workers there was one man who was wheeling his barrow upside down.

When the visitor asked him why he wheeled it in this fashion, the inmate curtly replied, "Do you think I am crazy? If I had it up the right way, they would put something in it."

EDITORIAL

From the . . . PRESIDENT'S DESK

Following is a list of the Directors, together with their respective duties for the coming year:

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CHAIRMAN NEEDED FOR THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE OF THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE

One of the express purposes of the Scandinavian Centre is to assist Scandinavians to make a contribution to our emerging Canadian Culture.

To fulfill this purpose, the Board needs a chairman to direct this activity. Such a person should be genuinely interested in our Scandinavian background and able to draw out the talent we find in our community. Among the activities for which he would be responsible would be the stage show at the Annual Scandinavian Day at Elk Island Park in July of each year, and the Annual Scandinavian Night at the Jubilee Auditorium each January. This position could prove very satisfying to someone with good organizing ability and leadership qualities. If interested, please write the Scandinavian Centre, 14220 - 125 Avenue or phone 455-4355.

S. A. SORENSON
on behalf of the Board of Directors
THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE

WARNING re: CHARTER FLIGHTS

Before you buy your ticket or make a deposit for a charter flight to Scandinavia, ask yourself these two questions:—

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(see advertisement on Page 3 of this paper)

If you are approached by any other person posing as representative of the Scandinavian Centre Charter Flight please contact Mrs. Nielsen at once before paying a deposit. The Scandinavian Centre enjoys an enviable reputation for the successful operation of eighteen charter flights to date and is planning three more for the summer of 1967.

No passenger has ever lost his or her deposit on such a flight.

The Scandinavian Centre Charter Flight Committee

BUFORD NEWS

Four new members were welcomed and initiated into the Lodge at the February meeting namely: Donald and Eleanor Melin; Karen Pearson and Melvin Gellert.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Wronko (Glenys Erickson) of Leduc on the arrival of a son, Lorne Kempton on February 10th in the Leduc Hospital.

On Sunday, February 26th, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Pearson attended the 25th wedding anniversary reception given for Mr. and Mrs. Art Grenier (Avis' sister) by the congregation of the Calvary Lutheran Church, South Edmonton in the church reception room.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lefsrud and Mr. and Mrs. Albin Markstedt on February 21st attended the Annual General Meeting of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited held in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Pearson were pleasantly surprised one February weekend when Mr. and Mrs. Hannis Helmgrenson of Culbertson, Montana and Mr. Henri Grenier of Onoway paid them a visit.

Glenn Pearson who is attending the Olds School of Agriculture and one of his classmates Bob Valgardson of Taber spent a weekend at the home of Glenn's parents Mr. and Mrs. Clair Pearson.

On March 10th, Mr. and Mrs. C. Evenson left by plane for a three-day visit at Tampa, Florida. From there they went by boat on a two-week cruise of the Caribbean Sea.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Falk were Mr. and Mrs. L. MacLennan of Gimli, Manitoba, Bertha's sister.

Miss Karen Pearson has joined the staff of the Bank of Montreal in Thorsby and is staying with her sister Marilyn Gellert and brother-in-law Melvin.

Get-well wishes go out to Mrs. Lloyd Pearson and her youngest son Danny. Both were patients in the Leduc Hospital in March.

Four Rinks From Buford Take Part In Bonspiel At Usona

On February 18th four rinks from Buford Vasa Lodge took part in the curling bonspiel at Usona sponsored by the Falun Lodge.

Two of Buford's rinks captured the two top trophies. First was Fred Hamilton's rink with Mavis Hamilton playing third, Victor Wold second and Bobby Pearson lead. Ray Pearson's foursome took second prize with Charlie Erickson playing third, Vernon Pearson second and Melvin Gellert lead.

Everyone had a most enjoyable day for which the Buford Curlers thank the Falun Lodge Brothers and Sisters and are looking forward to a similar "DO" in 1968.

The Buford Vasa Lodge Curling Club entertained four rinks each from the Edmonton and Falun Lodges on March 4th at the Calmar Curling Rink. The Edmonton team skipped by Milton Fawcett took top honors; Falun's rink skipped by Buster Sjogren was second and Bert Watson's rink also from Edmonton placed third. This too, is an annual affair and enjoyed very much.

FINNISH SOCIETY

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FINNISH FOOTNOTES

A speedy recovery to the following people who all were hospitalized during last month; Mrs. Sivia Vesalainen, Mr. Jack Luoma, Mr. Onni Virtanen, Mrs. Louste, Mr. T. Aho and Mr. Arvi Liimatainen.

The March dance was very well attended. It was really nice to see so many people there. The program was enjoyed by all. Coffee and dancing followed.

Next dance will be held on April 8th at the Scandinavian Centre, starting at 8:00 p.m. Let's all make it a date.

The Finnish Society will hold a general meeting on April 9th, 1967 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Salomaa, 9942 - 149th Street at 7:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

A thank you to Mrs. L. Kujala who was the hostess of the February sewing circle.

The March sewing circle will be held on Tuesday the 28th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Luoma, 10022 - 112th Street. Everyone is welcome.

The next sewing circle will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kit, 9643 - 109th Avenue on Tuesday, April 18th. Everyone is cordially invited.

A sincere thank you for all the cards, flowers and visitors I received while in hospital recently.

—Onni Virtanen

A surprise bridal shower was held for Miss Sinikka Ristola by Mrs. A. Salomaa. Many friends arrived with a little gift and lots of good wishes for the guest of honor. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

I wish to send my sincere thanks to all those people who visited me and who sent me flowers and cards while I was in hospital recently.

—John Liimatainen

The Finnish Society will hold a pot-luck supper and dance on April 29th at the Scandinavian Centre, Nordic Room. Tickets are on advance sale. Phone 489-3157 for more information. Everyone is welcome. Good orchestra.

Mrs. I. Kuusela held a surprise baby-shower at her home in honour of Mrs. Mary Karvonen. The baby-to-be received many beautiful gifts and then a delicious lunch was served by the hostess during the evening.

Best wishes in their new home to Mr. and Mrs. L. Vagovics and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Joljart.

Did you pay your membership already? If not, please phone 469-7007.

The world championship in 30-kilometer biathlon relay, held at Altenberg, East Germany, was won by Norway for the second straight year. U.S.S.R. was second, Sweden third and Rumania fourth.

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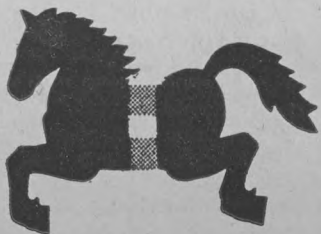
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Sunray Junior Lodge News

The Sunray Junior Lodge meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Scandinavian Centre. Four new members were initiated recently. They are Lil Larson, Sandra Golden, Marvin Golden and David Hawryliw. After their meeting the Juniors served lunch to Solglyt Lodge's Board of Directors who held their meeting the same night.

A Rummage Sale will be held at the Queen's Hotel on April 8th. Donations of rummage would be gratefully appreciated. Contact Clara Lineham at 455-8860 or Maisie Amdam at 489-2404 for rummage pick-up.

Carsten Carlsen was invited to be a judge at the Winter Games in Quebec City. An effort was made to bring in one judge from each Province across Canada. Mrs. Carlsen attended the Games as a Coach. Three girls, from the Edmonton Gymnastic Club, competed in the Gymnastic Competition at the Junior level. They are Leslie Roberts, Anne Wyllie and Kerry Bullock. Kerry did very well by placing 13th out of 40 contestants. Gymnastics is one of Scandinavians main sports interests. Sweden particularly excels and has a group which travels around and puts on performances.



The Horse symbol of Scandinavian Design Cavalcade.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

April 12th is our next meeting night, at the Scandinavian Centre, where 25 new members will be initiated. The Drill Team, directed by Clara Lineham, will assist with the Initiation program. They will then put on a precision drill. The Sunray Lodge will hold its meeting at the same time. Norwegian films will be shown after the meeting.

May 13th — Norway's Independence Day, Smorgasbord and Dance to be held in the Scandinavian Centre.

New address for Miss Min Strand is Suite 403, 10145 - 121 Street.

Kalmar Amdam's father is a patient in the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Mrs. Tordis McRoberts is in the University Hospital. She is doing well and will be released soon.

Ragna Sivertsen is in the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Ragna fell on the ice and broke her arm.

Ruth Wibe and Mina MacDonald hosted a shower, on March 6th, in the home of Ruth Wibe. The shower was held for Janet Goodwin who is to be married to Gunnar Gathe on March 23rd. Janet fished her gifts from a beautifully decorated wishing well. Present were Ragna Sivertsen and Selma Sorenson.

A Valentine Dance followed the meeting of February 11th, in the Nordic Room. Spot prizes were won by Ella and Alvin Searl, Mrs. W. Stock (Lois Halberg's mother), and Jim Ewart. The evening was hosted by Stan and Min Hafso, and Harvey and Betty Haugen.

Ole and Inger Borgerson, also Norman and Johanna Nilsen have been vacationing in Hawaii.

Stan and Louise Johnson spent a few days recently, skiing in Jasper.

Shang and Alma Halberg have been vacationing for the past three months in British Columbia. They have visited a daughter in Vancouver and three daughters at Powell River.

Mina MacDonald, Dr. Fleuty, Crystal and Little Crystal will be going to Banff Easter week. Crystal MacDonald Fleuty will be attending a Registered Music Teacher's Convention while Dr. Fleuty and Mina will be doing the town.

As you know, Joe Lineham has been appointed as full time representative for Sons of Norway, and is prepared to look after all insurance needs of members. Joe says that "The Sick Pay Plan is a real doozer." It has been proposed by Head Office that if Insurance sales are increased a downtown Edmonton Office will be opened.

The Ladies Committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holten, Saturday, February 18th. Harvey Haugen, new Social Director, was introduced to the ladies, Lydia Naverseth, Maisie Amdam, Ella Searl, Ida Paulson, Ruth Hammerstad, and Ragna Sivertsen. After a business meeting the husbands joined in on a hand of whist. A beautiful lunch was served and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Many thanks to Sam and Margaret.

Choral practice — every Monday at the Scandinavian Centre — 8:00 p.m.

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ICELANDIC NOTES

Born to Norman and Doris Vigfusson, twins, Tracey Lynn, six pounds one ounce, and Trevor Neil six pounds, on February 13th. We offer our best wishes and congratulations.

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During his cross-Canada speaking tour, the Hon. J. T. Thorson, P.C. (LL.D.) visited Edmonton to address both the Men's and Women's Canadian Clubs. This distinguished Canadian, born of Icelandic parents, has gained many honors during his lifetime, among them being a Rhodes scholar, being called to the bar in London, England, and in Canada. From 1942 to 1964 he was Chief Justice of the Exchequer of Canada. He has served in the Army; was a delegate to the League of Nations; and has served as president of the International Congress of Jurists; of Canadian Citizenship Council; and the Canada Foundation.

The topic of his address was "The Shape of Canada in the Second Century". Several members of the Icelandic Community attended the lecture, and enjoyed meeting him socially at the tea hour following. Particularly interesting was the conversation with Mrs. Thora Orr in Icelandic, both of them sharing many reminiscences.

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Miss Thelma (Skippy) Henrickson has returned home from a position she held while in the East. Employed by an advertising agency in Toronto, she gained much experience in modern bookkeeping machines. She has been enjoying an opportunity of visiting family and friends both here and in Calgary.

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Dr. P. H. T. Thorlakson, of Winnipeg was an Edmonton visitor recently. Here in connection with the Icelandic Centennial Project he, consulted several people more closely concerned with this special project, which will be an exact reproduction of the original Icelandic script from the ancient Greenlanders Saga, which records the early discovery and landing of Leif Eriksson on the North American continent. This record will be produced on a bronze plaque with English and French translations on either side. This is to be presented to the Canadian Government in April, in Ottawa, and will be housed in the beautiful new library. The plaque will measure seven feet by four and one-half feet high. The committee, of which he is chairman, are exploring the possibility of having smaller plaques made of copper, and presented to provincial centres elsewhere. The cost of the entire project is estimated at \$10,000 and all Icelandic people are invited to give it their loyal support. The local chapter "Nordurljos" will assist financially, but individuals will realize that this will require much united effort to bring to a happy meaningful demonstration of the good fortune gained by descendants of the early settlers from Iceland.

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Mrs. W. E. Janssen was "Grandma Sitting" while her two sons, Vic and Bill travelled to the south with their wives, in search of the sun. They were away for ten days, and Mrs. Janssen has returned to her home in Red Deer.

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One of the highlights of the year took place in the Scandinavian Centre recently when the Icelandic Society held their pre-lenten celebration and annual election of officers. All partook of a tremendous Smorgasbord, featuring many delicious dishes, which included Icelandic delicacies such as rulla

pylsa, vinaterta, and skyr. When all the food was cleared away, the retiring president, Walter Arason, conducted a business meeting, bringing to a close, his term of office. The new slate of officers for 1967 is as follows:

President, Mr. Al Arnason; Vice-President, Mr. Steve Benediktson; Secretary, Mrs. Walter Arason; Treasurer, Miss Shirley Thorsteinson; Lunch, Mrs. Alex Mitchell; Phoning, Mrs. Ninna Campbell; Cultural Liaison Officer, Mrs. Ruth McNaughton; Reporter, Mrs. H. M. Sumarladason; Membership, Mr. J. G. Henrickson; Mailing, Mrs. Gunnar Thorvaldson; Sick and Visiting, Mrs. Don Cameron; Social, Lucille Oddson. Many complimentary remarks were made concerning the work done by the retiring executive, shown by the remarkable successes enjoyed during the past few years. More especially, great credit was given Mr. Walter Arason for his leadership, by steering the club to ventures of great magnitude, with good financial returns. This enabled the society to support many worthy causes, which in turn reflected most favorably on the energies and good will shown by so small a group of willing workers.

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A spirit of co-operation and good-fellowship prompted a few of the fairer sex to gather together for the purpose of formally organizing into a woman's group, for raising funds, and helping worthy causes in the Icelandic community in Edmonton. Mrs. Earl Valgardson acted as hostess and following much discussion as to ways and means, a slate of officers was elected, as follows: Chairman, Thora Orr; Secretary, Lucille Oddson; Treasurer, Pearl Valgardson; Phoning, Mickey Shaw; Shopping, Freda Smith.

At this initial meeting hopes were high for future success. The idea grew that help from many directions would be forthcoming, so, gentle reader, if you feel you can support their undertakings in any way, you are invited to do so. For a Tombola and a Bazaar in the early fall, they are collecting articles for sale, and gathering items which will be useful to them in fashioning desirable gifts and household needs. Ribbons, lace, spools, empty decorative bottles, plastic bottles, Christmas corsages and decorations. While the list is mundane, it is surprising what the inventive, artistic genius of these members can achieve, so please lend a helping hand when asked to do so. You will undoubtedly enjoy their future events.

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Sorrow has entered into many homes in Edmonton during the past few months. Ernie and Lillian Ledger travelled to Vancouver to be present at the funeral of his father. Mrs. Joe Grenier was called to the bedside of her father, Mr. Thorstein Hallgrimson, making his home at Hofn, the Icelandic Home for senior citizens. He was born in Gardar, N.D., and was eighty-two at the time of his death, in a Vancouver Hospital. He leaves eleven children and 43 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Marven travelled to Vancouver to the funeral of her father, Mr. Ingimundur (Mundi) Egilson, formerly of Brandon, but making his home at Hofn in Vancouver. He leaves three daughters and several grandchildren. Mr. Harold Halldorson was notified of the passing of his uncle, the well-known author and translator, Mr. Paul Bjarnason, of Wynyard and Vancouver, at the age of 84 years. He leaves his wife, five sons and one daughter, and 12 grandchildren. Sympathy to these families is expressed through this column on behalf of the many friends and acquaintances.

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Birthday good-wishes go out to

Mrs. Valgerdur Nordal on her natal day, April 7th; and to Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, on March 27th. Good health be yours!

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The World Adventure Tours offered a travel tale by Mr. Robert Davis on Incredible Iceland. Two shows in the Jubilee Auditorium treated the patrons to an evening of sheer entertainment and many favorable comments on the "Fantastic country" were overheard by those Icelandic folk who were lucky in being present.

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Miss Shirley Thorsteinson, in her capacity of Fjallkona was chosen as delegate to the annual convention of the Icelandic National League, held in Winnipeg in February. She managed a side trip to visit her family while in Manitoba.

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Our deep sympathy is extended to Hulda Bjarnason, Ingibjorg and Mrs. Minna Campbell, on the sudden death of their mother in Gimli, Manitoba.

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Several members have been in and out of hospital recently: Mr. Fusi Arnfinnson, from the University Hospital; Mrs. Walter Arason from the Misericordia; and Mr. Art Arnfinnson from the Col. Mewburn; Carl Anderson from the Royal Alex. Mrs. Harold Halldorson has also been under doctor's care. Good health and complete recovery is the wish of all.

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Mr. Al Arnason, newly-elected president of Nordurljos, the Icelandic Society and his wife, Martha were entertaining the new executive at their home, for the regular monthly meeting of the chapter. Unfinished business was cleared away, and forthcoming events discussed fully. These include the dance, March 18th, in the Scandinavian Centre; the Coronation ceremonies in May, and the annual picnic in Victoria Park in June. These delightful events grow in interest and strength from year to year, and serve to knit the community together. Details will be given later, but plan now on attending, as this is an excellent opportunity for developing friendships and keeping in touch with common interests. The choir is looking for more members, and looks forward to much activity.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johannson, of Markerville spent a happy holiday in Hawaii during one of our winter's cold spells. Two other couples flew there with them.

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Congratulations to Mr. Bill Halldorson, and to Mr. Gunnar Thorvaldson on their election to offices in the Scandinavian Centre Executive.

Norway won the 5-nation speed skating meet in Moscow with 217.5 points, trailed by the Netherlands, U.S.S.R., Sweden and Finland. Dutch world champ Verkerk won the individual title, ahead of U.S.S.R.'s Antson, and Norway's Stiansen and Maier.

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The Bergen ship M/T "Jonvi" won the 1966 track and field championship for Norway's merchant fleet with an average score of 1,336 points. A total of 355 ship teams took part in the contest.

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Norway's 4th Winter Games for the Handicapped were held at Asim, Feb. 18-19, under auspices of Industrial Sports Federation, State Youth and Sports Office, and the Federation of Disabled. Over 100 blind, near-blind and crippled took part.

Wonderful Copenhagen Is Wonderful 12 Months A Year . . .

Of course it is something special to celebrate one's 800th birthday and the gay Danish capital will certainly be packed with exciting events for that reason throughout 1967.

This however should not hide the fact that Copenhagen has become an all year round attraction for visitors from all parts of the world.

In the past most people felt that the only time to visit Copenhagen was during the Tivoli season with everything in full bloom and there is of course nothing in the whole world like Tivoli.

At the same time, you'll have to admit that there is nothing quite like shopping for glamorous gifts and modern design in Copenhagen and as an added attraction the entire month of October has been proclaimed Design Cavalcade Month.

Also there is nothing quite like Copenhagen's 24 hours round the clock fun program with 35 night-clubs open until 5:00 a.m. when the morning restaurants open up. You can always catch up with your sleep in the next country!

Granted, that if your dream is to lie on a beach in the sun in January, Copenhagen may not be the place for you to go to make your dream come true as your Bikini may be out of place at this specific time of the year in the eyes of the Danes, but if on the other hand you like things of beauty, delicious food, sophisticated continental entertainment, you'll love Copenhagen during the winter. And if you take an interest in modern living in today's world and that of tomorrow, the 3 to 4 days all inclusive winter-lifeseeing program being offered from October 1st to April 30th will alone justify your trip as it simply demonstrates a so-called "great society" in full swing. This program consists of seven half-day schedules of meeting people and visiting selected studios, workshops, factories and institutes according to your field of interest. Everything is carefully planned to give you a vivid impression of how the Danes live and work. This special winter program is an S.A.S. arrangement which can be combined with similar programs in the other Scandinavian countries and offers very favorable trans-Atlantic rates to Copenhagen, popular gateway not only to Scandinavia but to all of Europe.

Speaking about rates, a 10% reduction on many European package tours which start and end in Copenhagen are offered throughout the winter and all the hotels in wonderful Copenhagen offer impressive reductions and what a delightful choice you have outside the crowded rush season.

It will no doubt surprise you to hear that the birthday child is no colder and no snowier during the winter than for instance New York, thanks to the Gulf Stream which makes the air milder around the Danes.

As you probably know already there is no language barrier in Denmark where practically everybody speaks English (or thinks he does).

Winter activity in Copenhagen? Plenty! First of all the most popular sightseeing tours are available all through the winter. The city tour has 2 daily departures at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and the famous North Zealand Tour to Hamlet's Castle at Elsinore runs daily from March 1st to November 15th and every Sunday throughout the winter.

Changing of the guard takes place at Amalienborg Palace and Copenhagen's famous museums have fascinating exhibitions all through the winter months.

A visit to the bustling vegetable or meat markets is fun and so is visiting one of the world renowned breweries, actually even just walking through the old streets in the heart of the city is a delight, and if your legs start getting weary, Copenhagen is filled with lovely restaurants serving food that has made Denmark famous all over the globe, but please, show courage, skip the hamburgers and try the open sandwiches, the real Danish, Danish pastry (made in Denmark without cement) and many other delicacies. And when the evening comes, you'll love the cosiness of the Danish restaurants. Don't miss the candle-light dinners throughout the winter at the Royal Hotel, the fun at Lorry Beergarden, the floorshows at the Valencia and the lively activity in many other places.

The Christmas months in Copenhagen, is a chapter all by itself, when millions of lights brighten the streets and squares and attractive Danish Christmas decorations and lovely gifts fill the stores.

New Scandinavian Agents' Manual Biggest In History, Released

The 1967 edition of Scandinavian Travel Facts, the sales manual for travel agents published by the Scandinavian National Travel Office, has been distributed to agents.


The all-new 1967 edition contains 188 pages and is the biggest in the manual's nine-year history, exceeding the previous edition by 24 pages. Among its new features are maps pinpointing the location of major hotels in eight Scandinavian cities, a news summary of the most important changes in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden for 1967 and an extensive front-of-the-book index for quick reference. In addition, every section of the manual, which covers general information, events, sightseeing trips and excursions, package tours and cruises, escorted and independent tours, air, sea, rail and bus transportation, motoring and hotels, has been expanded.

As before, the main emphasis in Scandinavian Travel Facts is on the ease with which those services can be combined into attractive itineraries

to satisfy the individual tastes of every client. The manual therefore gives the detailed programs of 30 American and Scandinavian tour operators and 15 Scandinavian transportation companies, including car-hire firms, and summarizes numerous other services.

These include 95 different regional package tours and cruises of from two to 21 days, 12 of which are brand new and cover areas hitherto considered hard to reach. Departures on the established tours are more frequent, and operating periods have been extended, in some cases from April to October. The variety of local sightseeing trips and excursions also has been increased, with 200 now being available, 24 of which are new, and several of these now operate all year around.

Scandinavian Travel Facts is published by and available from the Scandinavian National Travel Office, Scandinavia House, 505 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017 or 612 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, California 90017.



DANIA

DOINGS

The Board of Directors were very pleased that the Centennial Dinner and Dance, held on March 11th, was so successful. The president Harald Christensen bid welcome. Pastor Filtenborg said grace. Then we enjoyed a very tasteful meal. Mr. Jorgen Holgersen gave a talk about Canada and the Centennial. Tom Nielsen talked about the Danish Society "DANIA" as far back as he had record of. The old Banner we have is from 1922, so we presume that "DANIA" was started that year. The Danish vice-consul Mr. Knud Pedersen gave a short talk in honor of His Majesty King Frederik IX birthday. Mr. Erik Pedersen suggested that we send a telegram to His Majesty, it was done, and we got a reply back with thanks and regards to all.

After dinner we were entertained with baton twirling with Miss Arlene Webber's Centennial Group of 15 young ladies, who empressed everyone with their smart dresses and the twirling, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all as shown by the applause.

A very successful evening in all. Thank you for helping us to make it so by attending.

On April 21st our monthly dance will be in the form of a "Western Nite". Real western hospitality will welcome you. The Viking Room will be transformed into a Western Saloon. We hope to see many in cowboy outfits, 5 gallon hats and all. Admission will be \$2.00 including lunch "Chuckwagon Dinner" hope this will be an evening you will long remember, so please try your best to attend.

Plyease ladies come to "Bikuben's" meeting on Monday, April 17th at 8:00 p.m. 10029 - 85th Avenue. Looking forward to seeing

Norske Vennscop Klubbens

The Sons of Norway "Norwegian Language Club" has had two successful sessions, and has made considerable inroads to organization. Twenty-eight people attended the meeting of February 13th, at which "Norske Vennscop Klubben" was chosen as the club name.

The meetings are to be held the second Monday of each month, in the Dania Room, Scandinavian Centre. The Chairman is Ole Borgerson — Phone 599-7862, Secretary is Anders Anderson — Phone 488-8998. Contact Ole or Anders if interested in attending these Norwegian Whist sessions. The Club would appreciate knowing in advance of those planning to attend, in order that adequate lunch may be provided.

Mark your calendar for April 10. Come out and Snuke Norske and show us your dialect. We have four dialects now. Don't be shy, most of us are not proficient.

The whist highs were John Iversen and W. Myhre. The lows were Bjorne Wibe and Astrid Hope.

March Meeting Of Vasa Lodge Skandia Held At 'Centre'

The March meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was opened at 7:00 p.m. by chairman Peter Johnson in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

Members reported sick and under Doctor's care included Martha Dahl, Ida Tell, and Ida Franzen.

A happy note was brought to the meeting by Eric Pierre, at least for the property owners at Vasa Park, the taxes will be the same as last year.

Eric Pierre and Otto Von Rosen were elected to the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre at the annual shareholders meeting. Eric has been appointed treasurer for the coming year.

It was brought to the attention of the lodge, by Linnea Lodge, that something should be done to preserve the history of our lodge. How it was founded, by whom, and other such highlights from over the years, so that our new and future members have some means of knowing this history. This matter was passed over to the Past Presidents Club for consideration.

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VASA GLIMPSES

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hober have been holidaying in Antiqua.

Mrs. Svea Erikson has been visiting her daughter and family Lulu and Harold Lundgren, in Winnipeg.

Ana Sund and Alma Samuelson spent an Easter holiday with their brother Axel Dahlgren in Victoria.

Rae and Doreen Nyroos attended a wedding in Vancouver over the Easter Holiday.

The change of time from 8:00 to 7:30 p.m. for meetings at Vasa Park was tabled until next meeting. A suggestion for holding the meetings on Sunday afternoon was made. A decision will be made at the April meeting.

The possibilities of holding a children's camp week at Vasa Park are being looked into by Betty Pearson.

The new Investigating Committee consists of Eric and Hansine Pierre, Harold and Minnie Markstrom, Ed and Ruth Bergquist, and Martha Kay.

The Vallborg's Dance is coming up, April 22. The committee working to make it a success includes: Joan and Len Petersson, 469-0259; Vickie and Ken Pettersson, 455-3035; Doreen and Ray Nyroos, 469-8286.

The time and price can be found on the back page of this paper under the Bulletin Board. Please remember, that because of the bar, advance ticket sales only, are allowed. Any member of the committee will be more than glad to reserve tickets for you. All it takes is a phone call!

A vote of thanks was given to Hanna Sand, and Milda Backstrom for the lovely job they did in cleaning and repairing the collars.

The next meeting of the Vasa ladies will be held on Saturday, April 15, at 8:00 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emiel Weiss, 11432 85 St. All ladies will be welcomed.

The next meeting will be held April 1, at 7:00 in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. A dance will follow on the theme of Calypso Holiday. Host Bert Watson, and hostess Verna Larson will be looking for you, so do come out and enjoy yourself.

Following the meeting, coffee and a delicious lunch were served by Astrid Winquist, Anna Roos, Ethel Markstrom, and Dianne Bergquist. A Mexican Dude Dance followed, with Hostess Fae Johnson, and host Bert Watson doing a fine job.

Annual Northern Curling Bonspiel Held At Calmar

The annual Northern Curling Bonspiel was held as usual at Calmar on March 4, with Buford Lodge hosting. Sixteen teams in all participated with rinks entered from all three Northern lodges. Milton Fawcette's team, Larry Comin, Charlie Rautio, and Audrey Eliasson captured first for Edmonton. Second was taken by Falun and third ended in a draw. Skips Percy Sandstrom from Buford, and Bert Watson from Edmonton threw one rock each. Percy's rock slid through the house while Bert's stopped almost on the button, and thus Edmonton came home with third.

Two Edmonton teams complete with cheering section invaded Calgary, March 18 for the District Curling Bonspiel. Calgary was hosting the event and teams from Lethbridge, Buford, Falun, Medicine Hat and Calgary were expected.

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Hydro To Invest Sixty Million Kroner In Plant Modernization

At a press conference in Oslo, director general Johan B. Holte stated that Norsk Hydro, Norway's largest electro-chemical concern, will have to invest about 600 million kroner in the next two years to modernize its production. In order to maintain its position against increasingly sharp competition, the company is gradually decreasing hydropower-based ammonia production at Rjukan Salpeterfabrikk, Rjukan. Meanwhile, Hydro is building a new 350,000 ton capacity oil-based ammonia plant at Heroya, to cost about 150 million kroner. Its first oil-based ammonia plant started operations in 1965. The 100 million kroner plant, also located at Heroya, has an annual production capacity of 130,000 tons. The new plant's capacity will be larger than that of the Rjukan plant. Yet it will require an operating staff of no more than 50 persons.

From Hydro to Oil Power

Director general Holte told reporters that Norsk Hydro, in connection with its application for permission to transfer hydropower from Rjukan to Flesaker, had sent a letter to NVE — Norway's Waterways and Electricity Board — stressing the problems that confront the company in its chemical fertilizer production and sales. The advantage of having cheap electricity is no longer of any importance; ammonia can be produced at a far lower cost by using oil for power. Curtailment of the production at Rjukan will release some 1.5 billion kilowatt-hours. Transferred to Flesaker, this would help Hydro to reduce its power shortage. The power transfer is a vital link in the company's long-range conversion process, said the director general.

According to plans now being carried out, the production cut-back at Rjukan Salpeterfabrikk will by 1968 have reduced the number of plant workers from some 1,500 to 750-800. This prospect is causing deep concern in Rjukan, which has a population of fewer than 10,000. Last January, Prime Minister Per Borten, Industry Minister S. Walter Rostoft, and Church and Education Minister Kjell Bondevik visited the town, studied possibilities for industrial and educational development, and learned about the result of efforts to bring in new industry. Premier Borten told a rally of some 3,000 persons that the Government and the Parliament would help

Telemark province and Tinn municipality to preserve Rjukan as a viable industrial community.

A Hardship for Rjukan

Tinn municipality has urged NVE that, as a condition for the power transfer, Hydro should be required to guarantee at least 1,500 jobs at Rjukan. Director general Holte told reporters that to give such a guarantee was out of the question. However, Hydro will continue to subsidize establishment of new industry, and has pledged 20 million kroner for projects started so far.

Experts from Norsk Hydro have assisted the Oslo consulting firm A. Habberstad A/S to prepare plans for development of an industrial area at Rjukan, which will include factory buildings with a total floor space of some 540,000 square feet. Fully developed, the 10 million kroner development scheme would offer job opportunities for 700-900 workers. Hydro is footing 37% of the planning cost.

The state-financed District Development Fund recently gave a grant of 330,000 kroner to A/S Selco which has established a new factory at Rjukan. The money will cover expenses for moving, training workers and starting operations. Producing two types of plastic cabin cruisers, the new Selco plant is located by the shore of Mjosvann, some 2,200 feet above sea level. The 15-man staff at the start of production in August, 1965, has grown to 40. A 200-300 man force is envisaged by 1971.

Norsk Hydro has invested 5 million kroner in its subsidiary A/S Rjukanmaskiner, which last June began to produce valves. Now employing 125 workers, the company recently signed a cooperation agreement with the Swedish firm A/B Lastningsoch Lossningstjanst, Gothenburg, on production and sale of diesel trucks and electric trucks. A/S Rjukanmaskiner is now turning out fork trucks.

A/S Askim Gummivarefabrikk has announced plans to transfer part of its rubber footwear production to Rjukan. The new plant will start up in 1968 with some 130 employees. At the same time, a new textile mill will be launched at Rjukan by Motex Veverier A/S and H. K. Hygen & Co., Oslo. At the start the mill will employ some 40 workers. Within four years there should be about 200.

New Scandinavia Trolliday Tours Widen Choices In Vacation Travel

Trolls, those goblin-like characters out of Scandinavian folklore who have been winning affection here as dolls and figurines, have given their name to a new series of vacation programs called Scandinavia Trolliday Tours, which combine the holiday attractions of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden with the sea and air services of Scandinavia's three transatlantic carriers, the Norwegian America Line, Swedish American Line and Scandinavian Airlines System.

Just as the trolls were known for their magical powers, the Trollidays pull off a modern "miracle" by incorporating into one series enough variations to suit every traveller, both from the standpoint of itinerary and choice of transportation.

There are six basic Trollidays, with land programs ranging from nine days, covering only the Scandinavian capitals, to 34 days, which include the countrysides and an extension to the North Cape. The six programs, in turn, are divided into 16 separate tours, each giving you the choice of air, sea or com-

bined air-and-sea transportation, with departures from April 12th to September 15th.

Spotlighted in the itineraries are Denmark's fairy-tale country, the fjords of western Norway, Sweden's folklore district and Gota Canal region and the Finnish Lakes. En route, an imaginative tourist can "see" the trolls, with their enormous noses and long hair, for they live in the mountains, fjords and forests.

Trolliday land rates vary from \$285 for the nine-day tour to \$978 for a 29-day tour. Most tours start in Copenhagen, served by all three carriers; they terminate in Copenhagen; Bergen, Oslo, Stavanger and Kristiansand.

Scandinavia Trolliday Tours are operated by Scandinavian Travel Bureau, Inc., 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10020. Brochures are available from the Scandinavian National Travel Offices, Scandinavia House, 505 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017 or 612 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, Calif. 90017.

A Danish Pioneer In Egypt

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ROYAL DANISH NAVY

The Danish Navy has been actively concerned with voyages of discovery to many parts of the world. Among these voyages is that of a young naval officer in 1737 who was one of the first since classical times to explore the Nile as far as the second cataract. He followed the traditions of the previous century when Danish expansionism inspired voyages to Tranquebar in India, St. Thomas in the West Indies, and Hudson Bay, Canada.

While carrying out its primary task of national defence, the Royal Danish Navy has helped to carry Denmark's name across the world. Christian IV sent warships to Greenland in 1605 in order to recover that lost country, and in 1618 Admiral Ove Gjedde was entrusted with the mission of founding Danish colonies in the East Indies. The year before, Captain Jens Munk with two ships went in search of the North-West Passage. It was on a cruise of the frigate Faero in 1672 that the Dannebrog was hoisted for the first time on St. Thomas in the West Indies.

A little-known voyage is that of a young Danish naval officer who in the century of the Enlightenment was one of the first since classical times to explore the Nile as far as the second cataract. On this adventurous expedition he not only charted long reaches of the Nile but also drew the remains of ancient Egyptian culture, so skilfully that Le Voyage d'Egypte et de Nubie, par M. Fredric Louis Norden, Capitaine des Vaisseaux du Roi, the distinguished work which resulted from his expedition, excited great interest in scientific circles throughout Europe.

Frederik Ludvig Norden was born in 1708 and at the age of 14 entered the Naval College in Copenhagen. There he soon displayed such outstanding talents, among other things for drawing, that he was made chart-drawer to the king, who took an interest in the gifted young man and after appointing him sub-lieutenant sent him to supplement his training for the navy in Holland and France. Norden sent home such valuable reports that in 1734 the Admiralty enabled him to continue his studies in Florence, where he found most scope for his activities during the three years before his talents were put to their chief test in Egypt.

In Florence, Norden received a posting order from Copenhagen which fully chimed with his own desires and interests. With a Frenchman, Count d'Esneval, he had been selected to go on an expedition to Egypt and Ethiopia, to try to establish trade relations. The nobleman, who was to turn out something of an adventurer, had been endeavouring to establish commercial connections between the Dano-Norwegian monarchy and the Emperor of Ethiopia, as well as Madagascar, since the reign of a previous king, Frederik IV. It looked as if the efforts would at long last be crowned with success when Christian VI granted funds for the enterprise in 1737.

The plan was, first, to sail as far as possible up the Nile, and then try to reach Ethiopia overland through the desert. Count d'Esneval, who had been furnished with a Danish passport and the title of admiral, was to be the expedition's leader, while Lieutenant Norden would accompany him as sort of controlling officer on behalf of the king, an arrangement which the Frenchman disliked from the start.

Norden and d'Esneval sailed in the spring from Leghorn to Alex-

andria, from where they proceeded to Cairo where they opened negotiations with the Turkish Government. Extensive preparations were made for the journey up the Nile, in those days a dangerous adventure through unexplored country, and in November 1737 the real expedition commenced. They travelled in a flat-bottomed vessel which sailed up-river by means of the prevailing northerly winds, or when these failed was rowed, or towed by ropes.

It was a mixed company which d'Esneval had collected for the sixteen-man expedition. Besides two Catholic priests who were to serve as interpreters and missionaries, it included a 'chirurgion', as well as the count's secretaries and servants. Also, 'for financial reasons' as it was said, it included d'Esneval's wife, together with her chambermaid, an arrangement which, because of the countess's highly temperamental character, did not make matters any easier for Norden.

The voyage up-river took place in slow days' journeys, with frequent stops for victualling and navigation. It was made extremely difficult because the native skipper and his crew soon proved anything but reliable. The slow progress, however, enabled Norden to go ashore and obtain opportunities for drawing, surveying, and describing many of the monuments of the Pharaohs, from the Pyramids and Sphinx near Cairo to the many temple ruins by the Nile further south. But each stop involved risks to life and property, as the population in the south became increasingly hostile and only permitted landings in return for ample 'baksheesh', in defiance of the Turkish pasha in Cairo and his letters of recommendation.

After voyaging a month, the expedition reached Luxor, where Norden made measurements and drawings of the two colossal statues of Memnon and the great royal palace of Carnac, while his companions were kept busy controlling the armed bedouins. When the Europeans reached Assuan at the second cataract, about Christmas, they had to transfer to a smaller vessel above the fall. Here Norden visited Elephantine Island, the point reached by Herodotus and the furthest southern outpost of the Roman Empire.

With great difficulty he also succeeded in getting ashore to draw the island of Philae, where one of his ambitions was to visit the famous temples of Isis. We are impressed by his perseverance and courage when exploring the great proofs of Egypt's greatness, in the face of constant threats to his life when stopping at these 'ancient relics'.

Long and costly negotiations had to be conducted with local sheiks before the expedition was allowed to proceed south. But by the last days of the year it had reached the Nubian frontier, where the banks of the Nile got more and more desolate, while at the same time navigation on the great river itself, which swarmed with crocodiles, presented increasing difficulties and hostile desert tribes fired on the vessel during the ever more frequent groundings on the river's numerous mudbanks.

At the beginning of January 1738 it reached the little town of Derri in the Nubian Desert near the second cataract, nearly a thousand kilometers south of the Mediterranean coast. Here the Europeans were met with such unreasonable demands for ransoms and such a menacing attitude that the expedition barely escaped looting and death. Norden and d'Esneval had therefore to decide sadly to abandon further progress south, break

off their journey, and turn back, it being now a matter of life and death. The return journey was to involve as many hardships as the outward one. It was not made easier by constant disputes on board, due partly to the ineptitude of the skipper and partly to the count, now sick and deeply disappointed at the frustration of his great trade projects.

It was Norden who, in spite of his youth, saved the expedition by his firmness at Derri and gradually took over the leadership on the return voyage, when the vessel had chiefly to be rowed or towed. Despite all the difficulties, he persevered with his researches and kept up his spirits.

An example of the latter is his account of a sheik who refused to let the party proceed until Norden promised to provide the means which would make him a hero in his harem. Norden's response was to send him bottles containing a laxative, with instructions to take a couple of good draughts night and morning, whereupon he cast off without waiting for the results.

They arrived at Cairo at the end of February, and when a passage became available a month or two later, Norden and d'Esneval sailed for Italy. There they parted company, Norden to continue to Copenhagen, which he reached some time in November 1738. Soon after, he was summoned to Frederiksberg Castle by the king, who expressed a wish that he should prepare his copious drawings and diaries for publication.

Before long, however, Norden was again sent abroad, this time to serve with the British navy in the War of the Austrian Succession, together with two other young naval officers. They were assigned, in the summer of 1740, to the naval force which cruised in the English Channel under Admiral Norris. In the course of this short but stormy cruise Norden wrote a paper on the Pyramids, which he sent to the Royal Society in London, and which was the occasion for his being admitted to membership of that illustrious society in 1741.

In the autumn of 1740 Norden sailed to the West Indies with the fleet destined to reinforce Admiral Vernon's squadron in the Caribbean, and in the spring of 1741 he took part in the great but unsuccessful British attack on the strongly fortified port of Cartagena in the West Indies, when the three-decker on which he served, H.M.S. Shrewsbury, received 240 direct hits, 16 of them between wind and water.

In the course of the autumn the Danish naval officers were back in London, where Norden continued his work on the voyage up the Nile, which he had also found time to work on and in part translate into French during the cruises. A new honour was accorded him when for his Egyptian voyage he was made a member of the Society of Antiquaries in London.

All through the winter of 1741-42 Norden worked in London, in steadily failing health due to a serious lung complaint contracted in Egypt and aggravated by the hardships of the voyage. He died, only 33 years of age, on September 22, 1742, when on a journey to the south of France, where he had hoped to recover his health and at the same time study Mediterranean harbour installations. Thus he never lived to finish his work, but the manuscripts and drawings were taken to Copenhagen, where they were published under the king's patronage.

Note: The author of this article published in 1965 the book *Capitain F. L. Norden og hans rejse til Aegypten 1737-38* (G. E. C. Gads Forlag, Copenhagen). The book, written in Danish, has an English summary.

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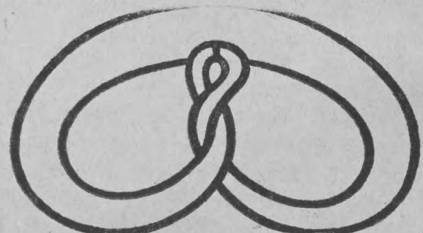
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Spring comes slowly and tenderly to Scandinavia. The peoples of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden always expect its arrival with eager anticipation. Migrating birds hail the beginning of a new season of "white nights" and days without end. Deep carpets of white and blue anemones cover the ground.

Denmark, this year as every year, puts Copenhagen, Gateway to Europe, in focus as of the King's birthday on March 11. Between March 12-16 Scandinavian Fashion Week will be held at Bella Center in Copenhagen. The scene is the largest exhibition hall in northern Europe.

Around May 1, the beech trees throughout Denmark begin to unfold their frail and lovely light green leaves. The whole nation and thousands of tourists celebrate the dawn of the year's gayest month by gathering at Tivoli when it opens on May 1. There is no need to worry about getting a table at which to enjoy world-famous Danish food and frothing beer, for Tivoli has no less than 23 restaurants in various price ranges. The Scandinavian Furniture Fair opens its Danish section at Bella Center on May 18, and then, on June 10, the heir apparent to the Danish throne, Princess Margrethe, marries French Count Henri de Monpezat, an event that is not likely to be neglected by any Dane, much less by the unnumberable guests of honor and thousands of tourists. Much pomp and circumstance will frame this day, as romantic as only H. C. Andersen's Fairy Tale Country can make it. June 15 is Jubilee Day when, officially, Copenhagen marks its 800th Anniversary although the city is much older than that. There will be dancing in the streets throughout the city which will make it appear as young as if it had been born yesterday. The next morning, the local people as well as Copenhagen's many visitors from all parts of the globe will marvel at the world's longest table, more than a mile from one edge of the tablecloth to the other, laid out for coffee and famous City Hall pancakes down the walking street "Stroget". As usual the entire street is closed off to vehicular traffic.

On June 23 the bonfires raise their flames in the sweet blue light of the night, for now it is Midsummer and the coasts of all Denmark with their golden beaches will begin to be invaded by blonde beauties and blue-eyed boys. During the 800 years Jubilee Ballet and Music Weeks, there are notable musical performances between Aug. 4-15 and the Royal Ballet, for which Copenhagen is world-famous, celebrates the Anniversary between Aug. 15-31 together with several Opera performances. On September 1, more of Danish talent in these fields becomes available to admirers when the Royal Theatre season opens. All of October is devoted to the Scandinavian Design Cavalcade by all four countries. What better place could be found for this internationally anticipated event than design conscious Copenhagen?

Finland could have been chosen, not least because of its bold and daring architecture, its imaginative townplanning and unorthodox design, represented above all by names such as Marimekko, Finn Flare and Vuokko. Their products are available not least in the elegant stores of Helsinki, pearl of the Baltic Sea, a city of 500,000 inhabitants and capital of Finland. Its 400 parks and 40 outdoor restaurants and cafes, its lively nightclubs with sparkling floor shows, its superb hotels and their sumptuously decorated dining rooms all give even the most experienced tourist a new

lease on life. Sightseeing tours take the visitor away from all these delights only so that he or she may see more of fabulous Finland. Take the "Silverline Tour" — 3 days — or the "Lakehead Tour" — 4 days, and any participant's camera will be kept busy around the clock. Between May 15-28 there will be Spring Festival performances in Helsinki by the National Opera and the Ballet Corps. Bonfires are lit in Finland too in order to mark the longest day of the year, Midsummer's Eve.

There are no problems involved in reaching this highly advanced and dramatically beautiful country if, for instance, on any day between July 10-18 you should want to go to the Opera Festival at Olavinlinna Castle, a medieval structure of rare grandeur. Simply see any travel agent about Finnair schedules. This airline brings you from all major European cities to Helsinki as well as to Leningrad and Moscow. In Finland proper it serves 16 cities.

Then there are the new, luxurious car ferries and passenger ships that link Finland with Denmark, Germany and Sweden. In the spring of 1967 the world's largest car ferry, "Finlandia", will be put into service on the Copenhagen-Lubeck (Western Germany) — Helsinki route. Needless to say, this magnificent ship was built in Finland where the Golden Anniversary of the nation's independence will be celebrated throughout this year. Norway, the country of fjords, mountains, waterfalls and Midnight Sun is always the place to be in spring, summer, autumn and winter whether you carry a camera or not. Pay a visit to Sognefjord, "King of Fjords", to Hardangerfjord, "Queen of Fjords", when its fruit trees blossom in early May and June. Three and six-day motorcoach tours facilitate your getting to these true wonders of nature. This year, however, a visitor may also depart from historic Bergen on Norway's west coast aboard the Bergen Line's stabilizer-equipped M.S. Venus. Cruises that include a visit to "the most impressive of all fjords", the Geiranger Fjord, begin in Bergen every Monday from June 5th to August 28th. Four days of Viking atmosphere, delicious food and unique adventure cost a minimum of \$55 — a maximum of \$185. Bergen is the gateway to all Norway as well as to Scandinavia in its entirety. Scandinavian Airlines express jets from the U.S. now connect this quaint old Hanseatic city with the world outside, bringing legions of visitors there not least at Music Festival time. Then there is always the Norwegian America Line's 44-day Sagafjord cruise out of New York.

Sweden, land of the "Middle Way", opens its 17th century Drottningholm court theatre to music, ballet and opera in Mid-May and stages performances in this unique setting several times a week until the month of September. May coming in with warm sun and sweet blossoms, is hailed by university students and bonfires all over the country. Midsummer is a day of national and boundless gaiety, dancing around the Maypole and general frolicking. The Stockholm Festival begins on September 8th, lasts until the 20th and presents opera, concerts, ballet and drama performances. The Province of Skane, conveniently across the Sound from Copenhagen, (35 minutes by hydrofoil boat, about 1 hour by deluxe car ferry) proudly Malmoe, third largest in Sweden, features not only its capital city of but also its Chateau Country with more than 150 castles and manor houses, one of which dates back

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